

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A slipcover arrangement for a dining room chair having a seat with a seat width and a seat depth, a back rising from a rear end of the seat and having a back width and a back height, and at least one leg for maintaining the seat at a seat height, the arrangement comprising:

a pair of seat panels adapted to cover at least portions of each side of a seat to be covered while leaving an uncovered area on the seat between the seat panels in the direction of the seat width, each seat panel having a length for extending a full seat depth from the back of a chair to be covered, to a point below a front end of the seat to be covered;

a chasuble having a width to cover the uncovered area of the seat to be covered, and a total length for extending from a point below the front end of the seat to be covered, across the seat depth, up along a front surface of the back of the chair to be covered, across a top of the back and at least down part of a rear surface of the back; [[and]]

wrapping means connected to the chasuble for extending around at least part of the back for holding the chasuble over the seat panels and to the chair to be covered; and

a skirt for engaging around the seat to be covered and for extending from the seat down a portion of the seat height, the skirt defining a front gap that is covered or spanned by a jumper portion of the chasuble.

Claim 2 (original): The slipcover of claim 1, wherein each seat panel has a width of less than ~~a minimum~~ the seat width ~~for dining room chairs~~, and a length of more than ~~a maximum~~ the seat depth ~~for dining room chairs~~.

Claim 3 (original): The slipcover of claim 1, wherein each seat panel includes at least one slit for receiving a portion of a dining room chair arm connected to the seat to be covered.

Claims 4-5 (canceled).

Claim 6 (currently amended): The slipcover of claim 1, ~~including a skirt for engaging around the seat to be covered and for extending from the seat down a portion of the seat height,~~ the skirt comprising a pair of skirt portions with a pair of front connectors for connecting front parts of the skirt portions to each other to form [[a]] the gap, ~~the gap being covered by a jumper portion of the chasuble,~~ and a pair of rear connectors for connecting rear parts of the skirt portions.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The slipcover of claim 1, wherein the chasuble comprises [[a]] the jumper portion for covering a front of the chair to be covered from the front end of the seat down to the point below the front end of the seat to be covered, a seat portion for extending across the seat depth, a first back portion for extending up along the front surface of the back of the chair to be covered and across the top of the back, and a second back portion for extending down a rear surface of the back.

Claim 8 (original): The slipcover of claim 7, wherein the chasuble has a waist extending near a junction between the seat portion and the first back portion, the wrapping means includes a band at the waist for securing the waist of the chasuble to the back of

the chair to be covered.

Claim 9 (original): The slipcover of claim 7, wherein the chasuble includes a pair of side wings extending from opposite sides of the first back portion for wrapping around the back of the chair to be covered, and at least one connector for connected the wings to each other at the rear surface of the back, the second back portion being adapted to cover the connected wings at the rear surface of the back.

Claim 10 (original): The slipcover of claim 9, wherein each side wing comprises an upper wing for wrapping around an upper part of the back and a lower wing for engaging around a lower part of the back so that an arm of the chair to be covered which is connected to the back is accommodated between the upper and lower wings, and connectors for connecting the upper wings to each other and for connecting the lower wings to each other.

Claim 11 (original): The slipcover of claim 10, wherein the chasuble includes a corner portion connected to, and extending downwardly from each lower wing for extending around rear corners of the seat to be covered.

Claim 12 (original): The slipcover of claim 1, wherein the wrapping means comprise a plurality of elastic tabs for connecting portions of the chasuble that are wrapped around to the rear surface of the back, the chasuble being sufficiently long so that a portion of the chasuble covers the tabs at the rear surface of the back.

Claim 13 (canceled).

Claim 14 (currently amended): The slipcover of claim [[13]] 1, including connectors for connecting the jumper portion of the chasuble to the skirt on opposite sides of the gap.

Claim 15 (original): The slipcover of claim 1, wherein the pair of seat panels are fixed to opposite sides of a seat portion of the chasuble.

Claim 16 (canceled).

Claim 17 (currently amended): A slipcover arrangement for a dining room chair having a seat with a seat width and a seat depth, a back rising from a rear end of the seat and having a back width and a back height, and at least one leg for maintaining the seat at a seat height, the arrangement comprising:

a pair of seat panels adapted to cover at least portions of each side of a seat to be covered while leaving an uncovered area on the seat between the seat panels in the direction of the seat width, each seat panel having a length for extending a full seat depth from the back of a chair to be covered, to a point below a front end of the seat to be covered;

a chasuble having a width to cover the uncovered area of the seat to be covered, and a total length for extending from a point below the front end of the seat to be covered, across the seat depth, up along a front surface of the back of the chair to be covered,

across a top of the back and down a rear surface of the back;

wrapping means connected to the chasuble for extending around at least part of the back for holding the chasuble over the seat panels and to the chair to be covered;

each seat panel have a width of less than the seat width, and a length of more than the seat depth, each seat panel includes at least one slit for receiving a portion of a dining room chair arm connected to the seat to be covered; and

a skirt for engaging around the seat to be covered and for extending from the seat down a portion of the seat for holding the chasuble and the side panels to the chair; ~~The slipcover of claim 16, wherein the skirt defines~~ defining a front gap that is covered by a jumper portion of the chasuble.

Claim 18 (original): The slipcover of claim 17, wherein the skirt comprises a pair of skirt portions with a pair of front connectors for connecting front parts of the skirt portions to each other to form the gap covered by the jumper portion and a pair of rear connectors for connecting rear parts of the skirt portions to each other.

Claim 19 (original): The slipcover of claim 18, wherein the chasuble comprises the jumper portion for covering a front of the chair to be covered from the front end of the seat down to the point below the front end of the seat to be covered, a seat portion for extending across the seat depth, a first back portion for extending up along the front surface of the back of the chair to be covered and across the top of the back, and a second back portion for extending down a rear surface of the back.

Claim 20 (original): The slipcover of claim 19, wherein the chasuble has a waist extending near a junction between the seat portion and the first back portion, the wrapping means include a band at the waist for securing the waist of the chasuble to the back of the chair to be covered.

Claim 21 (original): The slipcover of claim 20, wherein the chasuble includes a pair of side wings extending from opposite sides of the first back portion for wrapping around the back of the chair to be covered, and at least one connector for connecting the wings to each other at the rear surface of the back, the second back portion being adapted to cover the connected wings at the rear surface of the back.

Claim 22 (original): The slipcover of claim 21, wherein each side wing comprises an upper wing for wrapping around an upper part of the back and a lower wing for engaging around a lower part of the back, so that an arm of the chair to be covered which is connected to the back is accommodated between the upper and lower wings, and connectors for connecting the upper wings to each other and for connecting the lower wings to each other, the chasuble including a corner portion connected to, and extending downwardly from each lower wing for extending around rear corners of the seat to be covered.